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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations, OSA  
Deputy for Research and Development, OSA

SUBJECT: ITEK Optical Bar Camera

REFERENCE: [Redacted] (7 November 1967)

1. A briefing was given on 31 October 1967 to OSA Staff representatives by ITEK personnel concerning performance of their optical bar camera in tests at [Redacted] Photographs and material were handed out during the presentation.

2. Reference message is a summary report of the test program. This information, plus data D/R&D may have obtained from NPIC on the above material, make it appropriate that Staff consensus be obtained on our future intents for this sensor.

3. Recommend a date and time be coordinated telephonically for a meeting on this subject.

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SUBJ: SUMMARY REPORT - PROGRAM

35,000 FEET OF FILM EXPOSED DURING 12 FLIGHTS BEGINNING  
20 OCTOBER AND ENDING 3 NOVEMBER.

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THREE FLIGHTS PLANNED AS VERIFICATION OF V/H SYSTEM. NO  
CORRELATION ACHIEVED BETWEEN CAMERA V/H

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OF THE NINE PRIMARY PHOTOGRAPHIC MISSIONS, GOOD IMAGERY  
IS EVIDENT IN THE EIGHT THAT HAVE BEEN PROCESSED. LIGHT LEAKS  
WERE PRESENT TO AN EXCESSIVE DEGREE IN THE FIRST MISSION AND  
TO A LESSER EXTENT IN THE SECOND MISSION. SUBSEQUENT MISSIONS  
SHOWED LITTLE OR NO LEAKAGE. IMAGE QUALITY APPEARS TO BE  
UNIFORM WITHIN A MISSION AND FROM ONE MISSION TO ANOTHER. WHERE  
RESOLUTION TARGETS OF KNOWN QUALITY WERE AVAILABLE THE SMALLEST

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GROUP 1  
EXCLUDED FROM AUTO-  
MATIC DOWNGRADING  
AND DECLASSIFICATION

AVAILABLE TARGET CORRESPONDING TO ONE FOOT GROUND RESOLUTION  
WAS RESOLVED.

CAMERA SYSTEM FAILED TWICE. AN AIR LINE BECAME DISCONNECTED  
AFTER 2,000 FEET OF FILM WAS EXPENDED DURING FLIGHT NBR. 7.  
EXCESSIVE DRAG ON SUPPLY SPOOL BRAKE RESULTED IN MALFUNCTION AFTER  
1300 FEET OF FILM EXPENDED DURING FLIGHT NBR. 10.

ALL FILM PROCESSED IN 14DN APPEARS SLIGHTLY UNDEREXPOSED.  
MORE FAVORABLE RESULT IS ANTICIPATED WHEN ALTERNATE METHOD OF  
PROCESSING IS APPLIED TO MATERIAL FROM FLIGHT NBR. 12 AND  
MATERIAL FROM PORTIONS OF FLIGHT NBR. 5 AND 8.

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